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1. PAN AMERICAN LOCAL CHIEF REPRESENTATIVE DRAHORAD PROVIDED E/C COUNSELOR MARCH 16 WITH TEXT OF LETTER FROM MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION OFFICIAL SAMORUKHOV DATED MARCH 9, 1977, AND DRAHORAD'S TELEX TO NEW YORK OFFICE DATED MARCH 12, 1977.

2. SAMORUKHOV LETTER STATES AS FOLLOWS: BEGIN TEXT:
THIS IS TO INFORM YOU THAT AS RESULT OF INCONVENIENCES TO AND MANY COMPLAINTS FROM PASSENGERS, MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION DECIDED TO CANCEL RESTRICTIONS IMPOSED ON PAN AMERICAN IN LETTER NBR 52/KC-12/633, DATED 3/12/76.
WE HOPE THAT CANCELLATION OF RESTRICTION ON PAN AMERICAN ACTIVITIES IN THE USSR WILL RESULT IN REMOVAL OF RESTRICTIONS IMPOSED BY PAN AMERICAN IN RESPECT OF REGISTRATION OF PASSENGERS DEPARTING ON SU FLIGHTS FROM THE USA. END TEXT.

3. DRAHORAD TOLD COUNSELOR THAT HE HAD RECEIVED INSTRUCTION FROM HIS NEW YORK OFFICE TO FILE FOR THREE FREQUENCIES
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FOR THE SUMMER SEASON STARTING APRIL 1. HE HAS SENT A MESSAGE TO NEW YORK INQUIRING ABOUT THIS FIGURE, SINCE HE THOUGHT THAT HIS FRONT OFFICE WAS PREPARED FOR ZERO, ONE OR TWO FREQUENCIES UNDER CURRENT CIRCUMSTANCES - BUT NOT THREE OR MORE. IF HE GETS A RESPONSE TO APPLY, NONETHELESS, FOR THREE FREQUENCIES, DRAHORAD SAID HE THOUGHT HE WOULD GET ON THE NEXT FLIGHT TO NEW YORK, HIMSELF, TO DISCUSS

THE MATTER IN PERSON.

4. COUNSELOR FILLED IN DRAHORAD ABOUT LATEST SOVIET NOTE AND "NON-PAPER". DRAHORAD INDICATED THAT SOVIET ORAL COMMITMENTS ON PAN AMERICAN CHARTER FLIGHTS, APRIL-JUNE, WERE FIRM, AND PLANNING FOR THE FLIGHTS (SOME 16 IN APRIL, 10 IN MAY) WAS WELL ADVANCED. HE THOUGHT THE SOVIET PLOY A BLUFF AND EXPRESSED FEAR LEST ANYONE FALL FOR IT, BY TRADING CONTINUATION OF CHARTERS FOR ADDITIONAL FREQUENCIES. COUNSELOR EXPRESSED, ON PERSONAL BASIS, DOUBT IN VIEW OF LATEST ROUND OF WASHINGTON NEGOTIATIONS THAT THIS SOVIET PROPOSAL WOULD BE ACCEPTABLE IN WASHINGTON. HE ADDED THAT WERE PAN AMERICAN TO REQUEST THREE FREQUENCIES AFTER APRIL 1, SOVIETS COULD PLACE US IN EMBARRASSING POSITION BY ACCEPTING REQUEST ON UNDERSTANDING THAT LIKE NUMBER OF REQUENCIES WOULD BE GRANTED TO AEROFLOT. USG WOULD IN SUCH CASE LOOK LIKE THE OBSTACLE TO PROGRESS IF IT HELD TO TWO FREQUENCY POSITION. DRAHORAD AGREED, COMMENTING THAT TO ACCEDE TO SOVIET PROPOSAL FOR ADDITIONAL FREQUENCIES WHEN COMMERCIAL IMBALANCE HAD NOT BEEN CORRECTED WOULD BE SERIOUS STEP BACKWARD.

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